



Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos displays two, one pound bags of marijuana seized as evidence following a two year drug investigation.



A half-pound of marijuana and a .44 Magnum revolver were discovered in a vehicle following a controlled buy set up by the Sheriff's Department and the WADEN Task Force on Sunday.

\$3,300 Worth Of Marijuana Seized

Almost four pounds of marijuana were seized Sunday following a two year investigation of a major supplier of drugs into Wasatch County. A quarter-pound of the drug was bought in a controlled buy for \$300. During the buy, Sheriff's Deputies and representatives of the WADEN task force were monitoring the transaction via a bug. Because of this, they learned the dealer had another half-pound of marijuana in his vehicle and decided to wait before making the arrest.

After the buy was completed, a WADEN officer and Utah Highway Patrol officer stopped the vehicle and the driver granted consent to search the car. Officers discovered the half-pound of drugs and a .44 Magnum handgun in the car. The suspect was then arrested.

During the booking process, law officials learned the suspect had been staying in Park City obtained a search warrant for the dwelling. There, they discovered an additional

two pounds of marijuana sealed in plastic bags. According to Sheriff Mike Spanos, the drugs had an estimated street value of \$3,300. The suspect faces at least two felony charges: possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm in connection with intent to distribute. He also faces charges of distributing controlled substances.

In other department matters, 34 people were booked into the county jail last week on a variety of charges by officers from the Sheriff's Department, Heber City Police and UHP. Eight of those booked were drug cases, including the individual mentioned above.

There were eight people charged with DUI offenses and another five with related alcohol violations. One individual was charged with spouse abuse, one for aggravated assault and two for disorderly conduct. Others jailed included quite a few warrant services.



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Man suing Wasatch sheriff after failed arrest

By The Associated Press

HEBER CITY — A former Miami businessman contends he was falsely arrested for drug dealing; then told prosecutors would drop the charges if he agreed to sign an agreement to move away.

Instead, his attorney says, Ronald Molina filed a civil rights lawsuit Tuesday against Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos and several deputies.

"A wealthy Hispanic man from Miami shows up in Wasatch County ... the sheriff assumes he has to be a drug dealer," said Salt Lake attorney Bryan Larson. "So, they create a target to justify their drug task force and the sheriff's re-election."

Apparently, lawmen were unaware that Molina, who holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Miami, has been featured in dozens of business and finance magazines and has published articles in numerous journals. Molina moved to Utah five years ago.

"This is the kind of deal where we have a multi-jurisdictional drug task force, and Ron Molina was arrested by that task force. This has nothing to do with me," said Spanos, who had not yet seen the U.S. District Court suit.

Prosecutor Dan Matthews also declined comment, saying he, too, had not seen the complaint.

Molina's suit states that a proposed motion to dismiss criminal charges — an agreement Molina repeatedly refused to sign — demanded that Molina "immediately move out of state," that he "immediately place the home up for sale" and that he "not return to

sheriff who requested the warrants.

Molina's suit states that his attorney was told by officers that the Molina family was undesirable because they were "Hispanic, from Miami and had money." Despite being informed by the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Admin-

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Wasatch County except on a short-term, temporary basis necessary to effectuate the sale of the residence."

The demands purportedly were made despite searches of Molina's residence repeatedly failing to turn up evidence of illegal drug dealing.

The sheriff's confidential informant in the case repeatedly told officers that she had tried to purchase drugs from Molina and that he was definitely not involved with drugs, the lawsuit says.

The suit maintains that search warrants were based on untruthful affidavits by police officers who "willfully testified falsely under oath." The judge who signed the warrants was Vern Spanos, the wife of the

istration that Molina had no criminal history, the attorney was told officers still wanted "to get rid of him," the complaint alleges.

On Sept. 6, 1994, Molina says he was awakened by deputies who broke down his front door and held guns to his head.

His home and car were subsequently confiscated, even though no drugs were found.

One deputy allegedly paraded Molina in front of curious neighbors while yelling insults at Molina and calling him a drug dealer.

The event was also documented by a local newspaper reporter invited by Spanos to witness the arrest, the suit states.

"The arrest and notification of the newspaper was timed to coincide with publication of a favorable article about Sheriff Spanos and the activities of (the drug task force) at a period of time approximately six weeks prior to the vote on the re-election of Sheriff Spanos as Wasatch County sheriff," the complaint contends.

The lawsuit further contends the "arrest occurred in contravention of the advice and recommendation from confidential informant Barbara McClure, who instructed the (officers) not to pursue the case due to lack of evidence and (Molina's) clear non-involvement with drug usage or distribution activities."

On Sept. 30, 1994, prosecutors acknowledged in a court motion that facts did not support the seizure and forfeiture of Molina's property.

However, Matthews threatened to seize the house again and renew allegations that Molina was manufacturing drugs if he did not sign the agreement to leave Wasatch County, the lawsuit says.

Molina refused to sign the agreement, and all criminal charges were subsequently dropped.

The civil rights lawsuit maintains that law enforcement officers have continued to follow and harass Molina.

Slaying of Wasatch girl is far from being solved

By Cala Byram

Deseret News staff writer

2-16-96

HEBER CITY — Krystal Lynn Beslanowitch was a teenager who was forced to grow up fast.

Her father drowned when she was 4. Those who knew her say she was prostituting by the time she was 15. At 17, she was dead.

Killed along the banks of the Provo River Dec. 15, Beslanowitch's death has not been solved or linked to other unsolved murders of young Utah women.

Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos said 30 people have been interviewed — some even underwent polygraph tests — but the case is far from being solved.

Beslanowitch's body was found in an area known as North Field, her head badly beaten with rocks. Her boyfriend reported her missing two days after she failed to return from a late-night trip to a Salt Lake convenience store.

Krystal's mother, Linde Toreson, said from Spokane, Wash., that she loved her daughter and kept her door open to her after she got involved in drugs and prostitution.

"Every time she came home she had her arms spread out wide and a big smile on her face. I never refused her. I always loved her," Toreson said. "Whatever she was doing (she thought) was more important than living a normal life."

Toreson said her daughter was a bright girl who had dreams of being a writer before she started running with a tough crowd at a Spokane Junior High.

She and her boyfriend left Spokane in late August to visit his relatives in Utah. Krystal was looking forward to getting away from Spokane, where she had been arrested for theft, prostitution, assault and drugs as a juvenile.

Rather than a new beginning, Salt Lake City brought more prostitution and hard living.

Toreson buried the youngest of her three children in Spokane's Greenwood Cemetery three weeks after her death. She bought a wig for her daughter's smashed and shaved head and a teddy bear for her coffin.

"She might have been

streetwise, but she always liked stuffed animals," Toreson said tearfully. "I really do miss her. I have always missed her, but now that I have buried her, she's not coming back."

Finding who killed her daughter weighs heavily on Toreson. After seeing her daughter's smashed skull, she calls the perpetrator "sick in the head."

Investigating the death of Krystal Beslanowitch, however, has not been easy.

The investigation has centered almost entirely in Salt Lake City, where most of the case's leads have surfaced.

"We've been talking to the culture down there on North Temple with her companion ladies of the night and got names and addresses from them," Spanos said. "We've interviewed everybody she's been in contact with."

Similarities were checked between Beslanowitch's death and that of the unsolved murder of a Salt Lake prostitute in November. The cases did not come "to any central point" and were probably not related, Spanos said.

Jeff Beslanowitch was not the girl's father, although he was married to her mother, Linde, for six months in the mid '70s. He raised her and Linde's daughter, Tracy, after he divorced Linde in 1977.

Krystal was using her half-sister's identification when her body was found.

Beslanowitch said the 17-year-old was using it to appear older — Tracy is 20 — after she came to Salt Lake City.

"I guess it's too late to say what went on there," Jeff Beslanowitch said from a Spokane suburb. "My girl at least had a chance."

It was lack of supervision that Jeff Beslanowitch blames for Krystal's short and tragic life.

The case is still open and remains under investigation.

"A hundred leads and nothing has developed into anything," Spanos said. "We're needing a break."

Anyone with information about the death of Krystal Beslanowitch should call the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office at 654-1411.



Victim's Advocate Rewarded

4-1-98

Lynn Robertson, the Victim's Advocate for Wasatch County, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office for her outstanding work as she has functioned to take care of the victims of domestic violence and violent crimes. The certificate reads: "In recognition of significant services rendered to the people of Wasatch County and to the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office." Thanks, Lynn, for your effective, untiring efforts. The Victim Advocate Program is currently funded by a Federal Grant and depends upon local concerned citizens to work as volunteers. The County would like to thank Shauna Brereton, Leisa Cox, Linda Bums and Jackie Guenther for their assistance in making the program effective. If you or someone you know becomes a victim of a crime, there are both local and State resources available to assist. Please call 435-654-3211, Ext. 338 for more information .



Resident Awarded Certificate

Dew Atwood, of Wallsburg, Wasatch County, provided valuable information to the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office concerning thefts and burglaries in the Wallsburg area. As a result of Mr. Atwood's awareness and attention to details, the Sheriff's Office was aided in making several arrests in their recent stolen property ring. Pictured are Sheriff Spanos and investigator Jeff Winterton presenting Mr. Atwood with a certificate of appreciation. 4-1-98

October 21, 1998

The Race For Sheriff

BY DAVE ANDERTON
Wave Editor

Two candidates are running for Wasatch County sheriff this election year: Joseph Nelson, a Democrat; and Mike Spanos, an incumbent and a Republican. The Wave asked each candidate to answer three of the following four questions. Here are the questions: One, what challenges face Wasatch County law enforcement today? Two, what



role will Wasatch County law enforcement play during the Olympics? Three, what will your priorities be as Sheriff? Four, how will your experience benefit Wasatch County?



Joe Nelson

1. What challenges face Wasatch County law enforcement today?

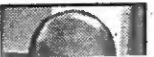
The rapid growth of Wasatch County is the biggest challenge facing law enforcement today. This growth coupled with the recreation traffic through our County requires extra efforts from our and other law enforcement agencies. It is vital that we maintain good working relationships with all the local agencies.

2. What role will Wasatch County law enforcement play during the Olympics?

The 2002 Olympics will have a large impact on the entire community, not just the Sheriff's department. I believe traffic/crowd control will be our primary concerns. It will be necessary to rely on peace officers from other agencies to provide the degree of public safety that our citizens deserve.

3. What will your priorities be as Sheriff?

My number one priority is employee retention. Low wages are one reason that we are losing trained deputies and dispatchers to other agencies, but only one reason. I believe greater administrative skills and creative programs could result in increased job satisfaction for all employees. I would also like to see a formal hiring process and merit system for all employees; this would protect the County and the employees.



Mike Spanos

Preparing For Terrorist Threats

BY DAVE ANDERTON
Wave Editor

8-18-99

Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos recently returned from FBI Headquarters in Quantico, Virginia where he spent four days receiving security training in preparation for the 2002 Winter Games.

Spanos participated in several exercises simulating terrorist activities. In addition, experts educated attendees on scenarios involving explosives, weapons of mass destruction and biological threats.

The week-long training also involved practical demonstrations by the FBI Swat Team and insight into accommodating foreign athletes seeking political asylum.

Past Olympic Games were scrutinized, including the Atlanta Games where a bomb exploded, killing one woman.

More than 3,500 athletes representing 80 nations will take part in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. In addition, 12,000 media personnel are anticipated to cover the Games.

Attorney General's Office Meets With Wasatch Law Enforcement Officers

BY DAVE ANDERTON
Wave Editor

8-7-00

Chief Deputy Attorney General Reed M. Richards on Wednesday met with local law enforcement personnel and elected officials to discuss current criminal laws and their impact on Utah communities.

Nine different new criminal laws were passed in the 2000 Legislative Session.

"Each year we end up with a dozen proposals to take to the Legislature," Richards said. "Most are passed."

Newly passed laws included: HB 208 and HB 209S2, two provisions that strengthen penalties for severe drunk driving violators; SB 12, makes it a primary offense for a driver who allows a minor under the age of 16 to ride

in a vehicle without a seat belt; HB 270 makes it possible for a person to be charged with murder in the result of someone's death even if they didn't intend to kill anyone but where involved in a felony offense.

Reed said that Utah has received \$40 million in tobacco settlement money. Half of the money will be used to cover children's health insurance, drug courts, and be donated to the Huntsman Cancer Treatment Center. The remaining money is being held in escrow. "Eighty percent of new smokers are under the age of 18," Richards said.

Local officers expressed concern over run-away juveniles, under-age drinkers, and the effectiveness of protective orders against abusive husbands.

Wasatch Heroes Honored at Salt Lake Banquet

2-28-01

A Wasatch County Sheriff's dispatcher and the Wasatch County Search and Rescue were honored as heroes by a Utah chapter of a national organization last week.

"We Believe in Heroes" was the theme of the awards banquet sponsored by the Utah Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

They held the event Feb. 21, at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City.

Special recognition was given to Tammy Graham, veteran Wasatch County Sheriff dispatcher, for her efforts in using life saving skills during a 911 emergency call. She received one of seven awards presented.

Wasatch County Sheriff's Search and Rescue unit was also recognized for their valuable contributions to the community and their extraordinary efforts put forth in rescuing a pair of snowmobilers stranded in the mountains last year in January.

Presenting the awards were Dick Nourse and Mark Eubank of KSL Channel 5 News.

According to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge creed, "We believe that our country needs more heroes. They remind us what it means to be an American. They remind us that the heart of America is strong, good and true. They teach us what



Wave photo courtesy of Sheriff Mike Spanos

Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos, dispatcher Tammy Graham, Kenny Van Wagoner and Johnny Wetzel.

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Those we honor on this 269th birthday of "Father of our County," we regard as we regard Washington himself. They are great examples to us of unalterable determination, courage, sacrifice, and service. They are winners. They motivate us and they have made our nation significantly better.

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After 26 Years, Sergeant Lance Gardner Retires

BY DAVE ANDERTON

Wave Editor

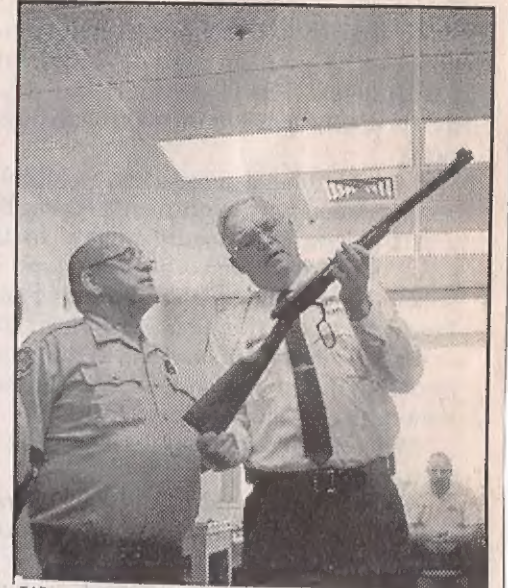
After two heart attacks and open heart surgery, Wasatch County Sheriff Sergeant Lance Gardner called it quits.

A crowd of law enforcement personnel on Friday crowded into a small office to wish the 56-year-old veteran well. Gardner began his service with the Wasatch County Sheriff's Department in 1974. His entire career was spent responding to Wasatch County citizens. He served many of his years as a bailiff in District Court.

"It's a job most people can't do," Gardner said. "The pressure is huge," referring to his blood pressure on a particular day when it reached 170/140.

"And I was having a calm day." Gardner thanked those he had worked with throughout his career and talked about the importance of the "badge."

"I will miss the people I've worked with," he said. "I am really proud to be a member of Wasatch County Sheriff's



Wasatch County Sheriff Mike Spanos presents a limited edition Winchester rifle to retiring Sergeant Lance Gardner.

Office."

Gardner paid honor to three of his law enforcement friends who lost their lives during his career—Blake Wright, killed in a fire; Kim Rice, who committed suicide; and Lynn Pearson, a highway patrolman who was murdered on a routine traffic stop.

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"I believe that it is of utmost importance that all our local government officials work together to tackle the issues that face Heber City and the surrounding area. I believe that only through close cooperation can we avoid duplicating efforts and butting heads."

The issues that affect Heber City also affect the rest of Wasatch County and the issues that affect Wasatch County can have a huge impact upon Heber City, said Rogers.



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Ronald Dwain Painter '92

Saturday, October 17, on a mountain ridge above Woodland it was a beautiful day for the deer season opener. I couldn't ask for a more perfect setting to finally reflect on a rich, full life of 56 years.

I was born on April 3, 1936 to Dwain F. Painter and Amanda Burton Painter. My father passed away when I was 17 and my mother passed on in 1985. Nancy Perkins and I met at South High and were married for 26 years. We raised two loving children, Scott Dwain Painter, who lives in Salt Lake City, and Ronni Lee Meyer, who lives with her family of five in Las Vegas. Nadene and I were divorced in 1982. Eight years ago Edna Lewis and I were married, adding to our family a wonderful wife and beautiful stepdaughter, Tammy Jo Ortiz. Edna became my best friend and the perfect hunting and fishing companion. I'll miss her most of all.

I graduated in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Utah in 1968 and have been employed by Unisys for the past 25 years. I sure enjoyed my fishing, bowling, golfing and softball buddies and want to thank them for being a big part of my life.

My life was also full with a big close family. My sister, Billie Dawn Clark, and her family, many nieces, nephews and cousins, and my grandkids, Joshua, Justin and Nicole made for some pretty big family gatherings.

I realize that my experience on earth is now complete and it is time to move on. Know that I passed on to the next adventure doing something I enjoyed.

Don't be sad, we'll meet again soon. Ron's family would especially like to thank the Wasatch County Search and Rescue Volunteers, Forest Service, Sheriff's Department and many friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 22, 1992 at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary Chapel, 3401 So. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, where friends may visit Wednesday 6-8 p.m. and Thursday 10:45-11:45 a.m. Interment, Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park N 10/24



Utah Home Education Association 24th Annual Convention and C

The Utah Home Education Association is pleased to present its 24th Annual Convention and Curriculum Fair, "Unified in Educational Freedom."

Slated for Saturday, June 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., the event will take place at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

Featuring nearly 60 work-

shops for parents and a special track just for teens, the convention is designed to offer support to the 10,000+ Utah families who are involved in home education.

With a keynote address by acclaimed author and educator Susan Wise-Bauer, parents will learn that "the freedom to tailor an academic program to your child's particular interests and



Student Awarded Scholarship Check

Sheriff Ken Van Wagoner recently presented a \$1,000 scholarship check to Bryce Rowser. Bryce graduated from Wasatch High School and is attending Utah State University. This scholarship was awarded through Sheriff Van Wagoner's participation in the Utah Sheriff's Association.

Miss O. Davis
Dear Madam

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HUSBAND: Snellen Vaughn JOHNSON (AFN:7M14-HR)

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Letter of Thanks Comes to Sheriff's Patrol

Dec. 18, 1968

Dear Sheriff,

We would like to thank your rescue patrol for helping our family recently when we were in serious trouble.

We were returning to Idaho after unsuccessfully seeking work on construction in Vernal, Utah, our car heater and defrosters had not worked since Currant Creek service station. It was bitter cold and snowing and blowing very hard. Because of poor visibility, I drove or slid off the road in Daniels Canyon on the way to Heber, Utah.

I and my son received a cut on our foreheads when we stopped and because of a heavy, deep snow drift I was unable to open the car doors. It was around midnight and there were no cars on the highway.

Then from out of nowhere came a big smiling man with a first aid kit with "Sheriff's Patrol" printed on the top. He bandaged my son's and my head. He then disappeared and returned with a warm blanket which he wrapped my son and wife in. He then hooked a cable on my bumper and asked me to start my car which I couldn't do because I had ran out of gas trying earlier. He then disappeared and returned with 2 gas cans from his jeep that he poured in my car. After much digging and pulling with his jeep he pulled us back on the highway and followed us to Heber where we got our heater fixed in the Hub Service station and then traveled to the home of

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Search And Rescue Trainers: Husband And Wife Team

6-7-95

by Bob Gressmen

Kirt Wagner has been a Park County Sheriff in Cody Wyoming for 25 years. His wife Linda is in search and rescue. They spend their vacation training law enforcement agencies all around the United States in search and rescue techniques, in a three day course. Their fee? Not a dime. No the Wagners charge only room and board and fuel, for their invaluable instruction.

The Sheriffs Department, Fire Department, City Police, U.S. forest service, State Park and the Wasatch and Summit County search and rescue were agencies involved in the training and courses on June 19,20,21.

Map and compass training, and man tracking were a few of the courses taught by Kirt. Hands on training in rope use was a course where the search and rescue trained

with ropes and baskets to lift injured hikers up cliffs and rocks. Advanced rope tying is part of the training.

"We couldn't have done this," Johnny Wetsel, captain for the search and rescue said, "without the combined efforts of the community."

Several local businesses contributed, they included the Homestead, Wasatch State Park, Duke's IGA, Days Market, The Wagon Wheel Cafe, The Hub Cafe and Timberline Sports.

"No doubt about it," Wetsel added "This is the best and most extensive training we've ever had."

The Wagners commented the hospitality of the Heber Valley was the best they have ever experienced.

Sixty men participated in the three day training session. Another training course is planned for September.



Kirt Wagner (center with arm raised) traveled from Cody, Wyoming to train seven law enforcement agencies in search and rescue.



Horses and four-wheelers cool down Sunday as members of the Wasatch County Search and Rescue warm up and plan strategy in the search for a missing hunter. The man was found after three days and nights in the mountains south of Strawberry Reservoir.

Missing Hunter Found Alive After Three Snowy Days

Man described as "walking Dead"

by Tom Noffsinger
Wave Editor

After spending three days and two nights lost in the wilderness area south of Strawberry Reservoir 35-year-old Russell Glassier was rescued Sunday afternoon. He managed to survive near zero temperatures and a driving snow storm by covering himself with pine needles, but when discovered Sunday afternoon he was severely hypothermic and near death.

The ordeal started Friday afternoon when Glassier and a friend left their camper for an afternoon of deer hunting. The pair split up to hunt each side of Crooked Creek Canyon, planning to meet near a stand of pine trees a few hours later.

Shortly after splitting up, Glassier's friend heard two shots. Later, he waited near the pine trees for an hour and a half before returning to the camper. The plan had been to each return to the camper if they were unable to meet up for some reason. A few hours after dark Glassier was reported missing and Saturday morning the search began.

Fifteen members of the Wasatch County Search and Rescue responded to the area and began working roads and trails in two-man four-wheeler teams. By late afternoon heavy snow and wind had made four-wheeler travel nearly impossible and tactics changed to a foot search of Crooked Creek Canyon.

Although some tracks were found, searchers were unable to determine the direction due to the heavy snow still falling. As the ground searchers worked out of the canyon, dog teams from American Search Dogs began working the area, using one of Glassier's old boots as a source for the scent. Snowmobiles from Utah County also worked the ridge above the canyon, dropping off searchers on foot who worked through the area.

By 10 p.m. the search was called off for the night due to snow, wind and cold. Glassier was about to face his second night of sub-freezing temperatures.

The urgency of the search was almost visible Sunday morning as more than two dozen searchers prepared shortly after dawn. Chances of survival had diminished greatly with Glassier missing for more than 48 hours in severe winter weather. Although searchers remained optimistic, the odds were low and more than a few searchers were thinking of Glassier's three children.

Because the weather had cleared search and rescue planes from Wasatch and Utah counties were soon in the air and covering the canyons where Glassier would most likely be. A few hours later an AirMed helicopter joined the search.

While aircraft were overhead, four teams on horseback worked up

the nearby canyons and the search area was expanded. Four dog teams from American Search Dogs and one team from the Utah Department of Corrections again hit the hills, receiving several scent "strikes" along the ridge.

Meanwhile, a team of five Wasatch County searchers started up the Strawberry Ridge from Indian Creek. Several miles up the trail, the team found foot prints coming out of the east canyon and walking along the trail. In several spots the tracks left the trail, only to return and continue. A few hundred yards down the trail near Fourth Water Ridge, tracks again left the trail and descended into Utah County.

The search team reported the discovery to the command post and the tracks were given a high priority. A tracking team from Utah County was dispatched to the scene via snowmobile and snow-shoe clad searchers began tracking the prints. The four-wheelers continued on.

About two hours after starting on the tracks, the Utah County searchers reported finding a pack of cigarettes and a rifle with the name "Russell" on the sling. Family members at the command post confirmed the description matched Glassier's rifle. The tracks were now several miles from the ridge into Utah County and the search

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Search & Rescue Donations

The Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce presented a check for \$4,500 to the Wasatch County Search and Rescue volunteers last week. The money was raised during a golf tournament held Oct. 2. The event is planned again for next year. Pictured above, S&R Captain Johnny Wetsel receives the check from Chamber President Jeff Bradshaw. Also pictured are tournament organizer Carol Bonner and Chamber Director Fran Anderson. In the photo below, Wetsel receives a donation from Jerry Davis to help fund the Search and Rescue trailer and the purchase of equipment for the organization.

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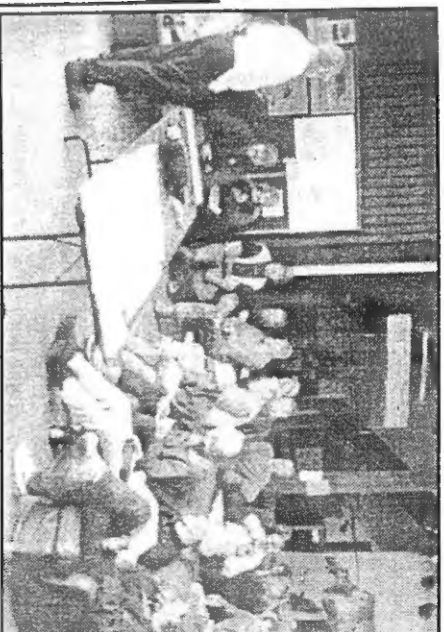
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Aside from road concerns, Robyn Pearson asked the commission for permission to allow funding for Project 2000 to go through Chamber of Commerce accounts. Because the moneys will be put in the Chamber's accounts an additional audit will be required, costing approximately \$4,000. The commission agreed to the additional auditing costs.

In other matters Health Director Phil Wright presented a resolution banning alternate and experimental wastewater disposal systems to be installed in Wasatch County. The commission passed the resolution.



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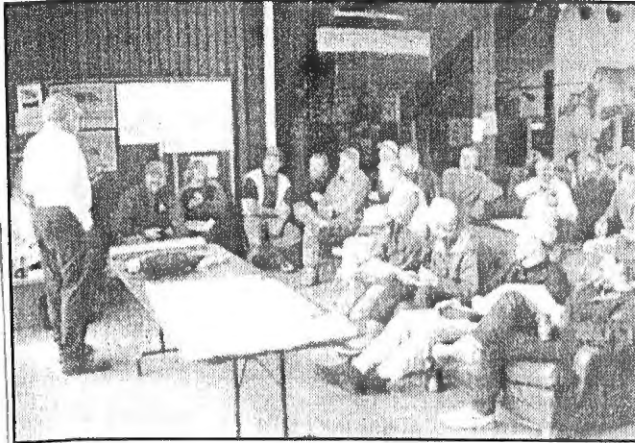
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Helping Those Who Help Others

Chuck Zuercher and Paula Anderson, of Wardley Real Estate, present a \$200 check to Search and Rescue Captain Johnny Weisel (center). The Wardley Foundation is a non-profit group dedicated to improving the community. If your organization is in need of a financial contribution, call Anderson at 654-0090 to apply for a helping hand grant.

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Search and Rescue's New Home

Volunteer organization to build, fund own structure with community help

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County Court Complex, at the next Heber City planning meeting.

Search and Rescue has been housed in their old building on the corner of 100 South and 100 West in Heber for a little



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STARZZ at Washington - 5 p.m.

Mustang League games - 5 p.m., 5 p.m., 5 p.m., and 7 p.m.

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Machine Pitch games - 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Tue - July 13